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This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 2, 2004 for the above-referenced application. Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirment begin on page 10 of this paper.